THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) As 'Prisons' is a State subject, prison-wise and details of each prisoner are not maintained centrally.

(c) and (d) In the wake of the court verdict in the Jessica Las murder case, the Government is reviewing the relevant provision in the Cr. P.C. to curb the menace of the witnesses turning hostile.

(e) Does not arise.

Terrorist activities in coastal areas of Kerala

2613. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether activities of any terrorist/extremist groups supported by the external forces come into light in the coastal of Kerala, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government to stop such activities.

(b) how many Coast Guard stations are functioning along Kerala coast and whether there is any proposal to set up new stations; and

(c) how far the Coast Guard Forces have succeeded to protect the coastal areas from terrorist activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Government of Kerala have reported that no extremist or anti-national activities of the nature are noticed in Kerala.

(b) Coast Guard has one District Headquarters located a Kochi in Ernakulam district and a Coast Guard station at Vizhinjam in Thiruvananthapuram. There is a proposal to set up a Coast Guard station at Beypore in Kozhikode district.

(c) The Coast Guard maintains surveillance of Indian coastline extending up to the extremity for the Exclusive Economic Zone. This surveillane mechanism acts as deterrent for terrorists.

Illegal flow of explosives to Kerala

2614. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of illegal flow of explosives to fundamental outfits of Kerala;

(b) if so, the action taken in detail and source of such flow;

(c) whether any action has been initiated on gelignite explosion that destroyed a fishing boat in Beypore during September, 2005 and huge haul of gelignite sticks at Amaravalli check post, Kerala during April, 2005;

(d) if so, the details and status of above inquiry as on today;

(e) whether there is any illegal network that is involved in smuggling explosives and detonators from neighbouring States to Kerala; and

(f) if so, the steps taken to curb such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Government of Kerala have stated that no such reports have been received so far.

(c) and (d) A case has been registered vide Cr. No. 96/05 under Sections 3 and 5 of Explosive Substance Act, 1908 to investigate the incident of explosion in which a fishing boat was destroyed in Beypore in Kozhikode District.

In April, 2005, 620 Gelatin sticks and 1000 detonators were seized at Amaravila check post. A case has been registered vide Crime No. 255/05 under Sections 3 and 5 of Explosive Substances Act, 1908 in Parassala P.S. in Thiruvanthapuram District. 7 accused persons have been arrested so far.

(e) and (f) There is no report regarding any illegal network involved in smuggling of explosives and dotonators from neighbouring States to Kerala. However, all police stations in the borders have been alerted to keep a sharp lookout for preventing such activities.

Establishment of Directorate of Prosecution in States

2615. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are bringing out any legislation to empower State Governments to establish a Directorate of Prosecution that would strengthen legal provisions to ensure peace and harmony;

(b) if so, whether the Cabinet had discussed this proposal at length before bringing out this legislation;